

Englands Triumphs

Prince of WALES.

FOR THE
TRENT
OR
A short Description of the Fireworks, Ma-

chines, &c. Which were represented on the
Thames before Whitehall, to the King, and
Queen, Nobility and Gentry, Forreign
Ministers, and many thousands of Specta-
tors, on Tuesday-night, July 17. 1688.

With Allowance, July the 18th. 1688.

THE happy Birth of the Prince of Wales, having long since filled every corner of the Three Kingdoms with Joy and Gladness; and e're this reacht the Ears of all Europe; The Kings Majesty to Commemorate the same and the Queens Majestys coming, in his Princely Generosity, Commanded the most Accomplishtly Ingenious Sir Martin Beckman, His Ingenter at the Tower, forthwith for to prepare such Machines and Fireworks, as might be suitable to so great an Occasion, and to prepare them for His and the Queens Royal view on the Thames before His Pellece of Whitehall.

In Obedience thereto Sir *Martin* prepared large Vessels, called Lighters, which being close covered or Scaffolded, thereon erected as many different Figures

First, Betwixt two square Pyramids in an Iron Chain, hung in the Centre a Sun in its Glory; below that, in a direct Line, an Imperial Crown; and under that, *J. M. R.* in a Cypher adorn'd; the Pyramids wreathed with Fireworks from the bottom to the top, and at the Main-top Pennants with the Arms of *England*, on each side the Pyramids divers other sorts of Fireworks.

Second, A Bacchus bigger than the Life (with all parts full of Holes stopt with Fireworks) atride on a large Tun covered as the two Pyramids with Tun-plates, and also many sorts of Fireworks on every quarter.

Third, The figure of a Woman (bigger than the Life) representing Plenty and Peace, adorn'd with all the usual Ensigns of Plenty and Peace, wrought all in Fireworks, wreaths Cornucopia's, &c.

Fourth, A Woman much bigger than the Life, a Coronet on her Head, adorn'd with the proper Emblems of Firmness, or Stability of Empire, and on every quarter of the Stage Fireworks of different kinds.

Fifth and Sixth, Were planted full of Morter-pieces of different sizes for throwing of Bombs, Carcasses, &c. whose Shells were made of Can-
vis and lashed about with Cords, and so contrived to break when falling, to prevent the least mischief where they fell.

Seventh and Eighth, Planted with small Chambers and other small Pieces
erect, and very thick one by another.

9th, 10, 11, and 12th, Were furnished with Sky-Rockets and many other
Curiosities for springing up a vast height in the Air in divers Figures, and
done with that extraordinary Art, as shewed the greatness of the Designer,
each having private receptacles for Gun-works to supply as the other want off.

The 13, 14, and 15th, were also furnished with other Combinative Com-
positions for furnishing the whole as occasion offer'd.

About 40 great pieces of Piles were drove in at a competent distance one
from another, and whole pieces of Firr Timber fastned from Pile to Pile
made a Line round them, and kept all Boats, setting in to avoid confusion
and accidents which attend such mighty confluences of People.

Thus every thing being prepared, and the Men posted in their proper
stations, the several Water Pageants were placed in a Line before White-Hall,
those with the Pyrameds and Figures in the Centre.

About Nine at Night the Engineers began, and first fired the Sun, the
Imperial Crown, the Cypher of the King, and Queens Names, and the Let-
ters which Composed the several Mottos, with other ornamental things
about the Figures and Pyrameds; all which was composed of Iron Work
with Wire, which when on Fire was curious, and seemed as flaming Iron
for a long time glowing, the Sun in the like manner appeared as glorious
as at noon day, and the Crown as a body of Fire so formed, which while
the numerous Spectators with admiration beheld, they were surprised with
Fire-Works in the Water betwixt the King and the Lighters, and Thousandes
of Rockets flying up in the Ayre a prodigious height, beginning and endng
in different Figures, and such continued Flings like great Guns, as it in
some measure, for Fire, Smoke, and Noise, represented a Sea Fight. Thus
were their Majesties, &c. for more than an hour diverted even to astonish-
ment as well as delight, which was concluded with the continued shouts
and Huzzas of the People, and the great Guns at the Towers, of all which
no doubt a large Account will be given to the World.

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